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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OVIP (BURGER, WARREN)
SUBJ: ITINERARY FOR CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER'S TRIP TO USSR

REF: STATE 137499

1. WE ARE PLEASED TO HEAR OF FORTHCOMING VISIT OF CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER TO U.S.S.R. CONSUL GENERAL AND MRS. NEUBERT WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND MRS. BURGER STAY AT THE RESIDENCE DURING THE LENINGRAD PORTION OF THEIR VISIT. THE NEUBERTS WOULD ALSO BE PLEASED TO HOST A LUNCHEON OR DINNER AT SOME TIME DURING THEIR STAY IF THAT IS DESIRED BY THE BURGERS. IF A DINNER IS DESIRED, IT COULD BE SCHEDULED EITHER FOR THE EVENING OF AUGUST 31 OR EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 1.

2. WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON ITINERARY PROPOSED REFTEL.

AUGUST 30
ARRIVAL: WE BELIEVE THAT ARRIVAL BY AIR WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO OVERNIGHT TRAIN FROM HELSINKI. THE
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HELSINKI TRAIN IS SUBJECT TO LENGTHY DELAY AND SEARCH AT FINNISH-SOVIET BORDER WHICH TAKES PLACE IN EARLY MORNING HOURS. IN ADDITION, TRAIN IS NOT PARTICULARLY COMFORTABLE AND RAIL BED ON SOVIET SIDE IS RELATIVELY ROUGH.

3. AUGUST 31

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MORNING: SITES LISTED REFTEL ARE ALL LOCATED WITHIN
RELATIVELY CLOSE PROXIMITY TO ONE ANOTHER AND REPRESENT
ONLY PORTION OF HIGHLY INTERESTING SIGHTS TO BE SEEN
IN LENINGRAD. AS ALTERNATIVE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT
BROADER AUTOMOBILE SIGHTSEEING TOUR BE SCHEDULED IN
MORNING, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE PRINCIPAL HIGHLIGHTS OF
THE CITY AND POSSIBLY A SHORT WALK ALONG THE NEVA RIVER
EMBANKMENT.

AFTERNOON: BEST TIME TO VISIT THE HERMITAGE IS IN
THE MORNING BEFORE VAST CROWDS ARRIVE, AND WE WOULD
ACCORDINGLY SUGGEST THAT BURGERS RESERVE THIS FOR
MORNING SEPT. 1 MOVING PROGRAM SUGGESTED
FOR THAT TIME IN REFTEL, TO AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 31.

EVENING: THE KIROV THEATER'S SEASON WILL NOT BE
OPEN UNTIL SEPT 7 OR LATER AND AT THIS POINT IT
APPEARS THAT NONE OF THE OTHER MAJOR LENINGRAD THEATERS
WILL BE SCHEDULING REGULAR PERFORMANCES AT TIME OF
VISIT. VISIT TO FOLK DANCE AND SONG GROUP WOULD BE
POSSIBILITY, AND THERE MAY ALSO BE OTHER VISITING
GROUPS PERFORMING IN CITY DURING TIME OF VISIT, BUT
NO GENERAL SCHEDULE OF THESE EVENTS IS YET AVAILABLE.
ON BALANCE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN
FOR ONE EVENING TO DINNER AT THE SADKO, ONE OF LENINGRAD'S BEST
RESTAURANTS, WHICH HAS TYPICALLY RUSSIAN BALALAIKA
PROGRAM.

4. SEPTEMBER 1

MORNING: A VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY OF
RELIGION AND ATHEISM COULD BE ARRANGED, BUT MUSEUM
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CURRENTLY IS UNDERGOING INTERIOR RECON-
STRUCTION AND AT LEAST HALF OF DISPLAY IS CLOSED. CHIEF JUSTICE,
THEREFORE, MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE SUCH AS A
VISIT TO THE RUSSIAN MUSEUM, WHICH HAS UNIQUE COLLECTION
OF RUSSIAN ART, OR VISIT PISKAREV CEMETERY.

AFTERNOON: FIELD OF MARS WOULD CERTAINLY BE
INCLUDED IN ANY BROADER LENINGRAD CITY SIGHTSEEING TOUR.
WE WOUD NOTE THAT CEMETERY IS NOT DEDICATED TO WORLD
WAR II DEAD BUT TO VICTIMS OF THE REVOLUTION OF 1917
AND IS MEMORIAL TO SOVIET REVOLUTIONARY DEAD. CENETERY
FOR WORLD WAR II DEAD IS LOCATED AT PISKAREV ON
OUTSKIRTS OF CITY. SEPARATE TRIP COULD BE SCHEDULED
TO THIS AREA IF THE CHIEF JUSTICE SO DESIRES. THIS,
HOWEVER, WOULD CUT VERY DEEPLY INTO TRIP TO PETER'S
SUMMER PALACE AT PETRODVORETS WHICH IS LOCATED 30
KILOMETERS FROM LENINGRAD ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE
CITY. PALACE ALSO REQUIRES SOME TIME TO SEE SINCE
IT HAS SPACIOUS GROUNDS AS WELL AS INTERESTING
INTERIOR.

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EVENING: REGRETFULLY, THE SEASON FOR THE
LENINGRAD CITY ORCHESTRA BEGINS ONLY AFTER SEPT. 5.

5. SEPTEMBER 2
MORNING: IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A VISIT
TO LENINGRAD STATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, BUT DEPT.
MAY WISH ADVISE CHIEF JUSTICE THAT CONDITIONS FOR
SCHEDULING ACTIVE PROGRAM VERY LIKELY BE COMPLICATED BY FACT
THAT UNIVERSITY REOPENS ONLY IN OCTOBER AND PROFESSORS,
WHO NORMALLY COMPLETE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS AT END OF
AUGUST, GENERALLY TAKE SEPTEMBER OFF. IF HE WISHES ALTERNATIVE,
WE SUGGEST VISIT TO SUMMER PALACES AT PUSHKIN AND PAVLOSVSK.

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EVENING: WE ENDORSE RECOMMENDED EVENING TRAIN TO
MOSCOW. RAMOUS RED ARROW, A CONFORTABLE AND
INTERESTING TRAIN, LEAVES AT 11:55 P.M. AND ARRIVES IN
MOSCOW AT 2:25A.M.

6. WE WILL NEED PRECISE INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT
IN DUE COURSE ABOUT SIZE OF ENTOURAGE AND REQUIRED
TRANSPORTATION AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS. CONGEN ALSO
WILL NEED FISCAL DATA TO COVER ANY EXPECTED EXPENDITURES.

7. IN SUM, WE WOULD RECOMMEND REVISION OF PROGRAM
SOMEWHAT ALONG FOLLOWING GENERAL LINES.
AUGUST 30: LEAVE HELSINKI AT 6:55P.M. VIA SU 632
AND ARRIVE IN LENINGRAD AT 8:50 P.M.
AUGUST 31: MORNING : AUTOMOBILE SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF CITY

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WITH SHORT WALK ALONG RIVER EMBANKMENT AND STOPS AT PRINCIPAL POINTS OF INTERREST INCLUDING PETER & PAUL FORTRESS, DECEMBER SQUARE, STATUE OF PETER THE GREAT, ST. ISAAC'S CATHEDRAL.
AFTERNOON: MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ATHEISM; OR ALTERNATELY, RUSSIAN MUSEUM OR VISIT TO PISKAREV CENETERY.
EVENING: DINNER AT ONE OF LENINGRAD'S LEADING RESTAURANTS, POSSIBLY SADKO, WHICH FEATURES RUSSIAN BALALAIKA MUSIC. ALT-
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ERNATELY, THEATER PERFORMANCE OR DINNER AT RESIDENCE.

SEPT. 1: MORNING: EXTENSIVE TOUR OF HERMITAGE INCLUDING VISIT AND POSSIBLE LUNCH WITH DIRECTOR.
AFTERNOON: TRIP TO PETER THE GREAT'S SUMMER PALACE AT PETRODVORETS.
EVENING: DINNER AT ONE OF LENINGRAD'S LEADING RESTAURANTS SUCH AS THE SADKO WHICH FEATURES BALALAIKA PROGRAM. ALTERNATELY, THEATER PERFORMANCE OR DINNER AT RESIDENCE.

SEPT 2: MORNING: A VISIT TO LENINGRAD STATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL. ALTERNATELY, VISIT TO IMPERIAL SUMMER PALACES AT PUSHKIN AND PAVLOVSK.
AFTERNOON: COURT OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION (OR PEOPLE'S COURT).
EVENING: TRAIN TO MOSCOW.RUECKERT

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